

COMMUNITY NEWS

Walk! Alabama begins in Coffee County March 18

by Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

Looking for a fun and risk-free way to burn fat, lower blood pressure, lose weight, ward off heart disease, strengthen your bones and muscles, prevent certain cancers, boost your mood and add years to your life?

Walk! Alabama may be just what you're looking for.

Walk! Alabama is a fun, eight-week, competitive walking program coming to Coffee County March 18th through May 12th. It is designed to get Alabamians in the habit of walking for exercise.

How does Walk! Alabama work?

In each county, teams of

eight friends, neighbors, family members and/or co-workers can compete to see which team can walk the most miles and be the first to reach 850 miles.

The goal is for each county to get as many eight-member teams as they can to compete.

There are a lot of team possibilities. For example, business versus business, or department versus department within a business, neighborhood versus neighborhood, moms versus

dads, school class versus school class, 1st-5th grade classes, school versus school, teachers versus students, teachers versus teachers, and churches versus churches. The list goes on and on. Prizes will be awarded to the first team to reach the 850-mile goal, as well

as the team with the most miles.

Team members can walk as a group or individually. Each team member keeps a log of his or her miles and reports the total to a team captain each week. The team's total mileage is tracked weekly on an official

Walk! Alabama map posted in the Coffee County Extension Office.

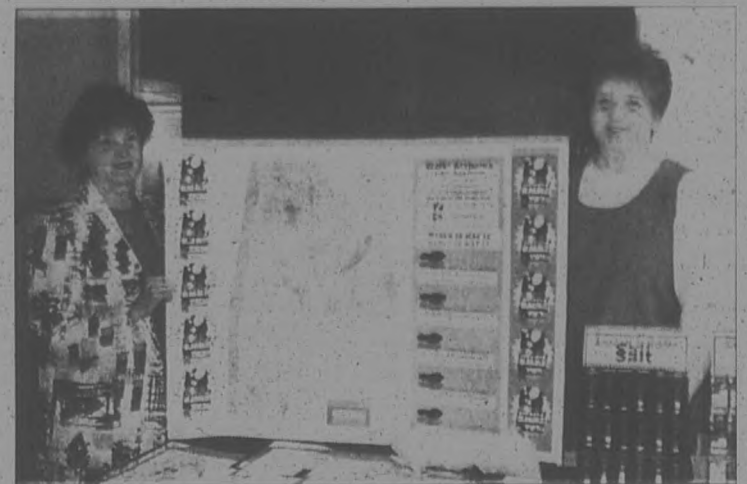
To participate, get an eight-member team together, name the team, choose a team captain and fill out a registration form. Forms are free and available in New Brockton at the Extension office. The kick-off celebration for Walk! Alabama is scheduled for March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community room of the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton.

For those interested, official Walk! Alabama T-shirts (\$8 each) and pedometers (\$14 each) may be purchased at each county Extension office.

For more information about Walk! Alabama, contact the Alabama Cooperative Extension System office at 804-5596.

The chart at right is a rate comparison of some of the existing water users of the Elba Water and Electric Board.

Rates on the top 12 to 15 high volume water users increase on a larger percentage that those shown with the 50,000 gallon user going from \$52.50 to \$92.50 and 700,000 gallon user increasing from \$560.00 to \$1,262.00.



Walk! Alabama was just one of the many projects Judy Killingsworth (left) and Angela Hughes (right) were promoting for the Coffee County Extension Office on Tuesday, March 13, at the Elba Health Fair.

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PRESSURE CHECK Linda Lawless (r), program coordinator for the Elba Parks and Recreation Department, took a few minutes to have her blood pressure checked by Cheryl Dunn (l) from the Coffee County Life Services Center on Tuesday, March 13, during the first ever Elba Health Fair. A check on blood pressure was only one of the many services provided to area citizens, free of charge, during the Health Fair.

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NO OF CUSTOMERS	CONSUMPTION	OLD RATE	April 1st	NEW RATE
300	FLAT RATE	\$7.00		\$8.00
483	AVERAGE 3,500	\$9.50		\$11.00
474	AVERAGE 7,000	\$16.25		\$19.50
230	AVERAGE 20,000	\$28.75		\$38.50

200 COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS				
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32	AVERAGE 35,000	\$42.25		\$65.50

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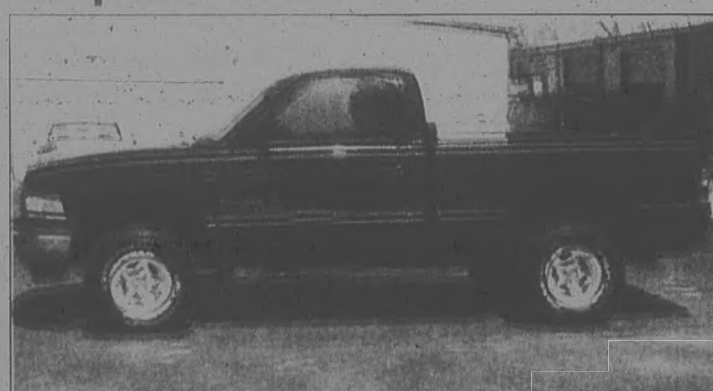
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S.A.V.E. PROGRAM TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

DA working to prevent violence in school

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The 12th Judicial Circuit's District Attorney, Mark Fuller, was the guest speaker at the Elba Lions' Club meeting on Monday, March 12. His topic was the violence in today's schools.

Fuller, who is also a member of the Lions' Club, spoke of the eighteen school shootings that have occurred in the United States within the last four years. The most recent occurrence was in California less than two weeks ago. Students have been killed and numerous others wounded.

The district attorney told the Elba Lions about steps that his office is taking in hopefully preventing such incidences occurring in local schools.

One such program which is in the process of being implemented is S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violence in Education). This program is designed to facilitate all school systems in Coffee and Pike counties in obtaining information about school violence or drugs in local schools through anonymous information designed by the CrimeStoppers program except that it is tailored toward school aged children.

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With Ferrin Cox

Student testing in America's schools is a growing activity. At the same time colleges are beginning to question the benefit to them in knowing a student's ACT or SAT scores. A few are openly telling high schools and their students to "forget it." That will not set well with this booming business, which already extracts a reported \$400 million dollars annually from the nation's public education budgets.

The income tax cut proposed by President George W. Bush will not do a whole lot for its average taxpayers. However, it would pay 3.72 years of Social Security benefits, purchase 5,714.29 Boeing 747 passenger jets or 1,797,752,808.988.76 cheeseburgers. Now that last number will get the fast food folks lobbying for the tax cut. . . for sure!

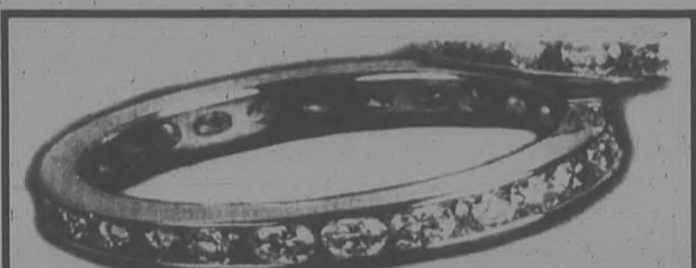
Before anyone in Alabama starts spending the few dollars they expect to get in the above federal income tax savings, they had better think about keeping it in reserve to pay PART of the proposed increase in Alabama income tax. Each individual's situation is different, but there are already people complaining that the proposal will cost them money. . . and these are Elba folks who don't consider themselves rich by today's standards. The red flag to many is the disallowing the deduction of federal taxes as an expense item. Our position right now is to hide our head in the sand and not worry about it. If it appears that there will be a new income tax law for us to vote on next year, we will study exactly how it impacts us and worry about it then.

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Let it be recorded that this country boy agrees with the federal courts on a recent ruling. A Marine Lt. Col. sued, saying his constitutional rights were violated when he was told it was mandatory for him to take the anthrax shots. He is at least the fourth to be tried (and convicted) over this refusal to obey a lawful order. The court said his rights were not violated. Our position is that for a military group to function successfully, there must be that expectation of absolutely obeying orders. . . not just the ones which suit the soldier. If that is not enforced, the control that military commanders have left would be gone. . . completely. There are questions over the safety of this set of shots, but more than likely the scare, or panic, is caused more by gossip and rumors than by actual facts.

In sharp contrast to the actions of the above Marine, we salute the decision of the Navy submarine commander who took the stand Tuesday in the hearing over the sinking of the Japanese fishing boat. This guy will probably never have another command in the U.S. Navy and could possibly be court martialed personally for the disaster, but he stood up in a real story book manner and put the responsibility squarely on his own shoulders. Suddenly this guy became one of our heroes and a man we would want leading our troops during a time of war. . . all that in spite of the reality that he is in fact responsible for any thing wrong his submarine did while under his command.

Local citizens could get some measure of comfort from information that is already being computed, if a reasonable way can be worked out to make it available. Tuesday morning we were told exactly how much it had rained in the past 24 hours at several measuring gauges on the Pea River. The computer system that collects this data also gives a very reliable prediction on exactly how high the river will rise as the results of the rain at these various measuring stations. . . down to the 100th of an inch. While emergency personnel have access to this information on an continuous basis, with a very specialized computer software system and dedicated computers. We dream of us average citizens being able to click on an official computer web site (like maybe the City of Elba site) and get hourly updates on the rain and local river stages/projections. Elba citizens have more than a passing interest in this information.



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EDITORIAL

From The U. S. House of Representatives

by Congressman Terry Everett

U. S. HOUSE PASSES REDUCTION IN FEDERAL INCOME TAX RATES

Sadly, Americans have become accustomed to their government sneaking by them more and ever-deeper tax increases. Over the years, such hikes have heaped upon the average family a total tax bur-

den approaching 50 percent. As a result, most people find themselves working the first four months of the year just to pay the tax man. Indeed, their tax load is the highest it has ever been. But times are finally changing.

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives took the first

bold step by passing a historic across-the-board reduction in federal income tax rates. Big government arrogance has been flipped on its ear. No change in government coffers without protest, and the big spending liberals are howling. They just can't face the fact that the American people, finally supported by the White House which understands working families, want more cost-efficient government and lower taxes.

The liberal media is also in denial, portraying conservative efforts in Washington to reduce your taxes as a scheme aimed only at benefiting the wealthy. Truth is, efforts to move an addict away from his addiction are always going to be met by extreme resistance. Predictably, the big tax-and-spend addicts are already in full withdrawal.

Americans have overpaid their federal taxes and it is only fair that they should have some of their overpayments refunded. To help working Americans, both singles and families, the first part of the Republican tax relief plan passed last week provides retroactive tax cuts while giving tax breaks for all working and taxpaying Americans each year.

The tax cut plan passed by the House reduces retroactively to January 1, 2001, the federal income tax burden for all American couple. Specifically, it lowers federal taxes on income to 12 percent for the first \$12,000 of a couple's tax-

able amount (first \$6,000 for singles). The 12 percent reduced rate for the first \$12,000 earned for \$6,000 (for singles) would remain in effect through 2002, and would be further reduced to 11 percent in 2003 through 2005, and then lowered to ten percent in 2006. Beginning in 2002, the tax cut plan also phases in additional tax rate reductions. The result will be the consolidation of current federal rate schedules of 15, 28, 31, 36, and 39.6 percent to four new rates of 10, 15, 25, and 33 percent by 2006.

For working couples the effect of last week's tax cut vote would mean immediate relief of \$460 for tax year 2001 (\$180 for singles). Those couples bracketed in the lowest tax bracket (15 percent) would see this relief increase to as much as \$600 in 2006 (\$300 for singles). These cuts, which now go to the Senate for a vote, represent just the first step in our total tax relief efforts, however.

In separate legislation also to be considered this year, the President and Congress will fight to finally eliminate the marriage penalty and death tax, double the child tax credit, and expand charitable deductions.

When passed into law, the combined effects of all these efforts will reap substantial tax relief for working Americans. (Congressman Terry Everett, 2312 Ruffalo House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 (202) 225-2901)

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 12, 2001, investigated the following incidents: two burglaries, five thefts of property, one public lewdness, three assaults, two domestic violence, one missing person, one public intoxication, and one possession of marijuana.

The following arrests were made: three for failure to pay, four for assault, two on domestic violence charges, one missing person, one public intoxication, one for criminal trespassing, and one for possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eight for violation of the seat belt law, five for no insurance, one for driving while driver's license are revoked, two for violation of the child restraint law, ten for speeding, and two for improper equipment.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MARCH 12
River stage - 7.27 feet (6:09 a.m.); Burglary reported at Burch's Trailer Court (8:07 a.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 13
Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 461 (3:16 a.m.); River stage - 18.40 feet (6:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 404 (8:01 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (9:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 528 (12:48 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:27 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Lee Street (9:16 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Reese Avenue (9:46 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
Alarm at Weeks Tire (5:32 a.m.); River stage - 14.11 feet (6:13 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Roosevelt Drive (3:19 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 461 (3:16 a.m.); River stage - 18.40 feet (6:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 404 (8:01 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (9:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 528 (12:48 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:27 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Lee Street (9:16 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Reese Avenue (9:46 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 15
River stage - 13.57 feet (6:22 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Neil Grantham Drive (10:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Grubbs Street (5:39 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Thomas Street (8:21 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Samson Road (8:56 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Williams Street (10:08 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 16
Alarm at Weeks Tire (6:15 a.m.); River stage - 12.91 feet (6:25 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Subway of Elba (8:37 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

MONDAY, MARCH 19
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 20
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 22
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 23
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 24
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

MONDAY, MARCH 26
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 27
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 29
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 30
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
Shots fired on Hickman Avenue (12:20 a.m.); River stage - 12.04 feet (6:44 a.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:00 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on King Circle (10:55 p.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Newton Street and Claxton Avenue (10:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (11:47 p.m.); River stage - 14.30 feet (5:43 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:11 p.m.); River stage - 16.99 feet (9:03 p.m.).

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of March 12, 2001, through March 18, 2001. They were: Evelyn Knotts, Hollis Wicker, Adam Brunson, Nellie Chambers, Jimmy Davis, Renee Giles, Jerome Pruitt, Kelley Chris Rayson, Jennifer Ware, Ethan Roper, Jessie Smith, Hollis Wicker, Binnie Carpenter, Martha Nelson, Anna Daniels, Ruthie Belcher, Wandu Rhodes, Mary Smith, and Willie F. Daniels.

And Sonya Standford and Ponsy discharged during the same time period were: Dallas Harbuck, Annie Emory, Renee Giles, Nellie Chambers, Jimmy Davis, Evelyn Knotts, Jerome Pruitt, Ruby Richardson, Robert Hahn, Adam Brunson, Joel Kelley, Chris Rayson, Jennifer Ware, Ethan Roper, Jessie Smith, Hollis Wicker, Binnie Carpenter, Martha Nelson, Anna Daniels, Ruthie Belcher, Wandu Rhodes, Mary Smith, and Willie F. Daniels.

We don't have any subway trains or third rails down in Alabama, but the lesson remains. The government must keep its hands off of the Social Security Trust Fund. Along with the Medicare hospital account. However, for decades politicians have ignored the warnings. They've ignored the "third rail" axiom. They have dipped into your retirement and medical accounts to pay for all sorts of unrelated programs — programs that have often proved unsuccessful.

It's time to give the proverbial "third rail" some juice. I recently co-sponsored a bill in Congress that would once-and-for-all prevent the federal government from touching your Social Security and Medicare accounts. The Social Security and Medicare Lock-Box Act of 2001, as it is labeled, would only allow the surplus funds to be used for actual reform or debt reduction. Period. No longer would the government — despite its best intentions — be able to shuffle the cards on the taxpayers by moving money from the Social Security Trust Fund into the general operating budget, where your retirement money then funds everything from road repairs.

This has been going on long enough. The government started spending Social Security dollars on normal government operations in the late 1960s, back when President Johnson wanted to pay for programs the American people couldn't afford. So instead of your contributions going into a safe account until you retired, your money was being spent. That practice continued until a conservative Congress passed the Balanced Budget Act. And as a peripheral result, by only allowing the surplus to reform the system or pay down the debt, it is likely that Americans will see real, meaningful Social Security reforms and see the national debt significantly decreased, if not eliminated.

But now isn't the time for relaxation. Things could change. Priorities could be misplaced. The Congressional Budget Office predicts that during the next decade the Social Security surplus could reach \$2.5 trillion, and the Medicare Hospital Insurance surplus might be \$390 billion. That's nearly three trillion dollars that will be on-hand, and if Congress doesn't send some juice to that "third rail," I'm sure some people in Washington could find a reason to spend that money.

Under this new act, any lawmaker can object and prevent consideration of a budget; a spending bill, or a tax cut that endangers the trust funds. The "third rail" will finally have some juice.

U.S. Rep. Bob Riley, a Republican from Ashland, represents Alabama's 3rd Congressional District. Readers can reach him at 322 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

CARD OF THANKS
RAINER FAMILY
The family of JoAnne Rainer would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, phone calls, visit and food during her extended illness and in time of grief and loss.

Freddie, Bonnie, Ricky, Melanie, Doug, Lori Beth, Will, Leanne and Ashleigh 3/22/01.

DONALDSON FAMILY
The family of Lucille Donaldson would like to express our deep appreciation to all those who helped in our time of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, food, flowers, and encouragement were greatly appreciated. May God bless each of you all the days of your lives. Sincerely,
The Children of Lucille Donaldson 3-22-01

NOTICE
MDI (Mark Dunning Industries), Coffee County's collection agency for rural solid waste, announces the following changes in pickup days. The change became effective March 12, 2001. They are as follows:
Monday's Route will not change.
Tuesday's Route will change to Thursday.
Wednesday's Route will not change.
Thursday's Route will not change.
Friday's Route will change to Tuesday.
Anyone having any questions concerning this schedule should call MDI at 1-888-735-5111.

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possession of methamphetamine and possession of marijuana was the second degree, case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs. Robert Earl Hooks Jr., charged with two (2) counts of distribution of marijuana, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Cedric Green, charged with two (2) counts of distributing cocaine, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. John Larry Chisum, charged with two (2) counts of distribution of marijuana, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Clisbe Thomas, charged with two (2) counts of distributing cocaine, case set for trial or plea.

State of Alabama Vs. Donald Smith, charged with distributing dextropropox, case pending.

State of Alabama Vs. Trish Davis, charged with two (2) counts of distributing marijuana and one (1) count of distributing methamphetamine, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Kevin Goshy, charged with two (2) counts of distributing cocaine, case set for trial or plea.

State of Alabama Vs. Willie Chism, charged with two (2) counts of distributing marijuana, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Tony Daniels, charged with two (2) counts of distributing marijuana, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Steven Dewayne Thomas, charged with two (2) counts of distributing cocaine, case pending.

State of Alabama Vs. Derrick Warren, charged with two (2) counts of distributing cocaine, case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs. Tony Hooks, charged with two (2) counts of distributing marijuana, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Kevin Goshy, charged with two (2) counts of distributing cocaine, case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs. William Neal Edwards, charged with distributing cocaine, case pending.

State of Alabama Vs. Deandre Newsum Wheeler, charged with a felony DUI, defendant entered a plea.

State of Alabama Vs. Rob Stinson, charged with four (4) counts of distributing cocaine, case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs. Anton Smith, charged with kidnapping in the first degree, two (2) counts of rape in the first degree, and two (2) counts of sodomy in the first degree, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Derek Allen Marler, charged with distributing marijuana, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Michael Nicholson, charged with theft in the second degree, case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs. Patrick Bernard Upshaw, charged with sodomy in the first degree, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Jonathan Leland Wilkerson, charged with domestic violence, hearing scheduled for defendant.

State of Alabama Vs. Chad Evans Moore, charged with escape in the second degree, case pending.

State of Alabama Vs. Willie Chism, charged with two (2) counts of distributing marijuana, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Tony Daniels, charged with two (2) counts of distributing marijuana, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Steven Dewayne Thomas, charged with two (2) counts of distributing cocaine, case pending.

State of Alabama Vs. Derrick Warren, charged with two (2) counts of distributing cocaine, case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs. Tony Hooks, charged with two (2) counts of distributing marijuana, case continued.

State of Alabama Vs. Kevin Goshy, charged with two (2) counts of distributing cocaine, case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs. William Neal Edwards, charged with distributing cocaine, case pending.

State of Alabama Vs. Deandre Newsum Wheeler, charged with a felony DUI, defendant entered a plea.

State of Alabama Vs. Rob Stinson, charged with four (4) counts of distributing cocaine, case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs. Anton Smith, charged with kidnapping in the first degree, two (2) counts of rape in the first degree, and two (2) counts of sodomy in the first degree, case continued.

CHURCH NEWS

JESUS "A Walk to the Cross" will be presented at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Saturday, April 7

The Easter Drama, JESUS "A Walk to the Cross," will be presented by the Children/Youth and members of Mt. Olive Baptist Church congregation on Saturday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and

Mt. Olive Baptist Church to host a gospel singing Sunday, April 1

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located on County Road 355 in the Pine Level Community of Elba, will have a gospel singing

Spring Singing planned at Friendship Baptist Church

A Spring Singing will be held at Friendship Baptist Church, located on Old Three Notch Road in the Pine Level Community, Saturday, March 24, at 6 p.m. The singing will feature Judd Bowers. For more information, call Bro. Ward at 665-3523. Everyone is invited to attend.

Barbecue to be held at Damascus Senior Citizen Center

Damascus Senior Citizen Center located at 129 County Road 514 on Highway 87 will have a Barbecue, Saturday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m. Betty Peters, president of Southeast Alabama Eagle Forum, will be speaking on Governor Siegelman's executive orders

C.C. Republican Women to meet in Enterprise on Friday, March 23

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Bobo's Restaurant in Enterprise on Wednesday, March 21, at 11:30 a.m. Betty Peters, president of Southeast Alabama Eagle Forum, will be speaking on Governor Siegelman's executive orders

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	EANON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROMISE Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.
BILLY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.
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Rev. Richard Kyles-Associate Pastor
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Missionary Baptist Church

Broad and narrow way

Matthew 7

In this world today, contrasts are always being drawn. Especially in advertising. One certain drink refreshes the places others can't reach. One washing powder washes whiter than others. And I could go on and on.

In Matthew Chapter 7, Jesus draws a contrast. It is the most important contrast in the world. It is the difference between life and death. He is stating that if you are on the broad road, you are heading the wrong way, which leads to eternal destruction. In contrast, if you are on the narrow road, heaven and eternal life is your destination.

There is danger in stepping off the narrow path. Many people have not been appreciative on their walk along the narrow path. They may be thought it could have been wider, or perhaps some disobedience to the Word of God. This is God's path and we have no right to change it or widen it for our purposes. It's the narrow way God put it that way, and that's how it has to be.

So I ask you today to face up to what road you are traveling on. If it's the broad road, I advise you to change directions onto the narrow road. Then your traveling will be worthwhile. The narrow road is not easy, but with the help of God, we'll make it to our destination. Heaven.

Youth Explosion Night planned at Greater New Zion Baptist Church

Greater New Zion Baptist Church will have a Youth Explosion Night on Saturday, March 24, at 6 p.m. This event will begin on March 21-23 with a workshop each night at 6:30 p.m. The guest clinician will be

Benefit Gospel Singing to be held at Tarentum Community Center

Jack In A Box Daycare will sponsor a Benefit Gospel Singing on Saturday, March 24th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Tarentum Community Center on Highway 128 South of Brundidge. Featured singers will be "The Dennis Family" from Millbrook, AL; Derek Snellgrove from Jack, AL; "Master's Call" from Elba; and

Local students earn degrees from Auburn University

In its first graduation since the transition to the semester system, Auburn University awarded approximately 1,330 academic degrees at its fall ceremony on Dec. 16. Local students

receiving their Bachelor's degree were: Melissa Benbow and Edward Smith Cowen Jr., both of Elba, and Joshua Caleb Canby of the Ino Community.

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Scripture: Psalms 96:1-13

***Thinking of you, Praying for you, Stringer, Daniels and Brown families, Mary B. Belcher, Sheleka Hooks Moore, Carrie Perdue, Mary Cowart, Leroy Ballard, Clem Brantley, Josephine Deveridge, Selena Hurdson, L.J. Levelette, Lela Tyson, Lamar Gooch, Evelyn Manning, C.W. Williams, Rev. E. Magwood, Rev. Charles Lane, Marlar Rideaux



Minister Robert Edwards

***Minister Robert Edwards of Opp received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of devoted and valuable services rendered to Saint Stephen's African Methodist Episcopal Church on the March 10, 2001. This plaque was made possible by the pastor's aide board of the church - God Bless You, Minister Edwards!

***Shady Grove A.M.E. Church of Elba will have a Youth Revival March 26-28 at 7 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker will be Rev. Willie White, pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Sconersville, Ala. Guest Churches: Monday night Shady Grove A.M.E., Elba Zion Baptist, Bethel A.M.E. of Florida and St. Matthews A.M.E.; Tuesday night - Rocky Head Baptist, Pine Grove Baptist, St. Paul A.M.E., Oak Grove Baptist, Bethel A.M.E. of Brundidge, St. Paul A.M.E., Bethlehem Baptist

and Pea River Baptist, Wednesday night - St. Paul A.M.E., Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C., St. Mark A.M.E., New Zion A.M.E., Shady Grove Baptist, Mt. Calvary Baptist, New Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C. and Johns Chapel A.M.E.

***Welcome to the Annual Youth Day and Youth Revival of the Goshen First Baptist Church to be held Sunday-April 1, at 11 a.m. Revival will be Monday, April 2, through Wednesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker for the revival will be Minister Roderick Caldwell, associate pastor of St. Stephens A.M.E. Church. All churches are invited.

***11th Annual Choir Day Program of Spring Hill Baptist Church will be Saturday, March 24, at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Henry Nichols. Registration without donation.

***An Elba Community Revival will be March 25-28. The schedule will be Sunday, 6 p.m. - Greater New Zion, Sermon by Pastor Peterson and the choir will render music.

Monday - 7 p.m. - Harris Temple, Sermon by Pastor Keith Ellison and the choir will render music; Tuesday - 7 p.m. - Rocky Head MB Church, Sermon by Pastor A.R. Williams and the choir will render music.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Bethlehem Baptist Church, Sermon by Pastor Daryl Caldwell and the choir will render music.

Thursday - 7 p.m. - Celebration of the Soul Gospel Singers to be held April 1 at 2:30 p.m. at the Southeast District, Singing Convention Building in Elba. Everyone is a special guest, and Amanda Tills will be the honored guest.

***The Friendship Baptist Church of Glenwood will observe the 7th Family and Friends Day on Sunday, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. The sermon will be given by Rev. Roderick Rideaux of Elba. The choir will render music. All churches are invited.

Today is a good day, be grateful.

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Miss Danford & Mr. Adams to be united in marriage Saturday, April 7



Mr. Adams & Miss Danford

Roy Adams and Jamie Danford announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Jamie is the daughter of Carolyn Hudson and James A. Danford Sr. of Elba. She is the granddaughter of the late Zeamus and Alice Hudson and the late James Shelly and Katie Jewel Danford, all of Elba.

Roy is the son of Kathleen Adams and the late Alfred Adams of Opp. He is the grandson of the late Fred and Vander Williams and the late Dumas and Willie Adams, in of Opp. The wedding will be held at Northern Heights Baptist Church in Opp on Saturday, April 7, at 2 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Moss-Trammell plan April wedding date

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Trammell of Columbus, Ga. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Vesta Bailey and the late James Olen Bailey and Mrs. Francis Williams and the late Ray Trammell Sr., all of Elba.

The wedding will take place April 28, 2001 at the Piney Grove Methodist Church in Rehobeth, Ala. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. No local invitations are being sent, but all family and friends are invited to attend the wedding and reception that will follow in the church fellowship hall.



THE FOX BROTHERS will entertain the crowd during this year's Covington Electric Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Andalusia Kiwanis Community Center. The center is located south of Andalusia on County Road 56 (South Bypass). The Fox Brothers have been performing for more than two decades and have received countless awards for their talent. The group received the "Entertainer of the Year" award by the Christian Country Music Association (CCMA) in 1999 and "Local Group of the Year" by the Country Gospel Music Guild (CGMG) in 1998 and 1999.



COVINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE employee Susie Adams shows the 1990 Dodge Grand Caravan to be given away at the top prize at the Covington Electric Cooperative 2001 Annual Membership Meeting on April 5 at the Andalusia Kiwanis Community Center. Other major prizes to be given away are: a microwave oven, a videocassette recorder, a 25-inch color television, an electric grill with rotisserie, and \$150 cash. More than 30 other electrical appliances and gifts will also be awarded. Registration for the meeting begins at 3 p.m.

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New Arrival

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Shannon Bedsole of Jack and Tracy Bedsole of Opp announce the birth of their son, Mason Brady, on March 13, 2001 at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp.

He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Larry and Judy Ward of Jack, and his paternal grandparents are Nancy Bedsole and the late Billy Bedsole of Opp.

Crowe-Pennington wedding planned for March 24th

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Crowe request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Emily Carol, to Mr. William Frederick Pennington III on Saturday, March 24, at First Baptist Church of Elba at 5 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony at The National Security Insurance Conference Center.

There will be an organizational meeting Sunday, April 8, at Gymnasiums Etc. in Enterprise at 3 p.m. for anyone interested in entering the 2001 Miss Coffee County Pageants.

The pageant for the Tiny Miss (Ages 3-4), Future Little Miss (Ages 5-6, not yet enrolled in first grade), Petite Miss (Ages 7-9), Pre-Teen Miss (Ages 10-12) and Teen Miss (Ages 13-16) categories will be held Friday, April 27, at Elba High School at 7 p.m. The time will be pageant dress only. The Teen Miss age division will have required interviews. The cost to enter is \$50 and is non-refundable. These age groups will be open to anyone.

The pageant for the Little Miss Coffee County (any girls enrolled in first grade) and Miss Coffee County (Ages 17-21) will be held at Elba High School on Saturday, April 28, at 7 p.m. The attire will be pageant dress.

USABDA announces chapter for ballroom dancers being organized

The United States Amateur Ballroom Association (USABDA) has announced that a chapter for ballroom dancers is being organized in the Dothan/Enterprise area. Tracy Jordan, of Enterprise, is serving as local coordinator to finalize organization of the new USABDA Chapter.

The local chapter will sponsor monthly dances for members and the general public. Typically, each dance will consist of a one-hour dance lesson, followed by three hours of general dancing as well as dance demonstrations. The program will include mixers and line dances. The Chapter also will promote ballroom dance training in local colleges and high schools, and will seek to increase the number of business establishments that offer ballroom dancing to the public.

Membership will be open to singles as well as couples. For additional information, contact Tracy Jordan at 347-4877.

Luke Peters to represent Coffee County at annual Alabama Spelling Bee Championship

Luke Peters, a fifth grade student at Zion Chapel Elementary School, will represent Coffee County at the annual Alabama Spelling Bee Championship on Saturday, March 24, at the Harbert Center in Birmingham. Luke is one of the 67 county spelling bee winners who will vie for the state title and an all expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee May 27-June 1.

Luke is the son of Rhonda and Jimmy Peters of Brundidge.

Marcus Taylor, a senior at Zion Chapel High School, has been accepted by Dana College as an incoming freshman for the academic year 2001-02. Taylor is the son of David and Glenda Taylor of Elba.

Dana College is a private, four-year liberal arts and sciences college affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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NBES CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA "New Brockton Elementary School's students, faculty and guests had a day-long celebration of 'Read Across America' on Friday, March 2, 2001. The celebration was in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The day began with a costume contest with students dressed as their favorite story character. The theme for this year's celebration 'Oh! The Places You'll Go.' From 9 a.m. until 10 a.m., each class had a guest reader to read to them from a favorite book of their choice. Other events of the day included a teacher swap (teachers changed classes with other teachers), read around the school with the students circling the school and reading from a book of their choice, a parade of costumes, and finally, a book swap at which time students traded one book for another. Pictured above are the winners of the costume contest.

Johnson lectured in Lille, France January 22-26

Steve A. Johnson, a 1972 graduate of Elba High School and currently an associate professor of finance at the University of Texas at El Paso, lectured for the week of Jan. 22-26 at the ESSEG School of Management at the Catholic University of Lille, Lille, France. Professor Johnson lectured on "Understanding and

Implementing Value at Risk." His other areas of professional interest include corporate finance, international financial markets and transnational surface transportation issues. He also is the Associate Director of the Institute for Policy and Economic Development at UT El Paso.

For questions, call Karen Patrick at 347-9667 or Teresa Dutton at 393-3120 or mail entries to Coffee County Pageants, c/o Karen Patrick, 503 Oakwood Dr., Enterprise, AL 36350.

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SCHOOLS

Only in Elba

by Hunter Branch

If any of these things sound familiar to you, it's a pretty good sign you've lived in Elba for a while.

- You leave the house and somebody asks where you are going, and you say, "To town."
- An ambulance is known as the rescue squad.
- You say the phrase "I'm fixin' to" when somebody asks you to do something.
- "What car are we going on?" is used instead of, "What car are we going in?"
- Dawg is used instead of dog.
- Part of your daily conversation consists of how high the Pea River is.
- "I reckon" is used instead of "I guess so."
- You are giving directions and you use the phrase "And then you should run-slam into."

NEWS from ESJC

Using the Microcomputer Level I will be offering a third session this spring semester to assist persons having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a word processing package. Participants must bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. The course is scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays, April 2, 10, 17, 24, 30, 7:30 p.m. There is a \$400.00 fee for the course and the registration deadline is March 26.

Using the Microcomputer Level II is offered in a third session this spring semester. This course is designed for those who have experience with keyboarding. Participants will learn the concepts of computer hardware components and database management and spreadsheets using Microsoft Works software. Successful completion of Using the Microcomputer Level I is recommended but not required. A 3 1/2" diskette is required for the first class. There is a \$400.00 fee for this course and the registration deadline is April 9. Class meets Mondays and Tuesdays, April 16-24, 8:30-7:30 p.m.

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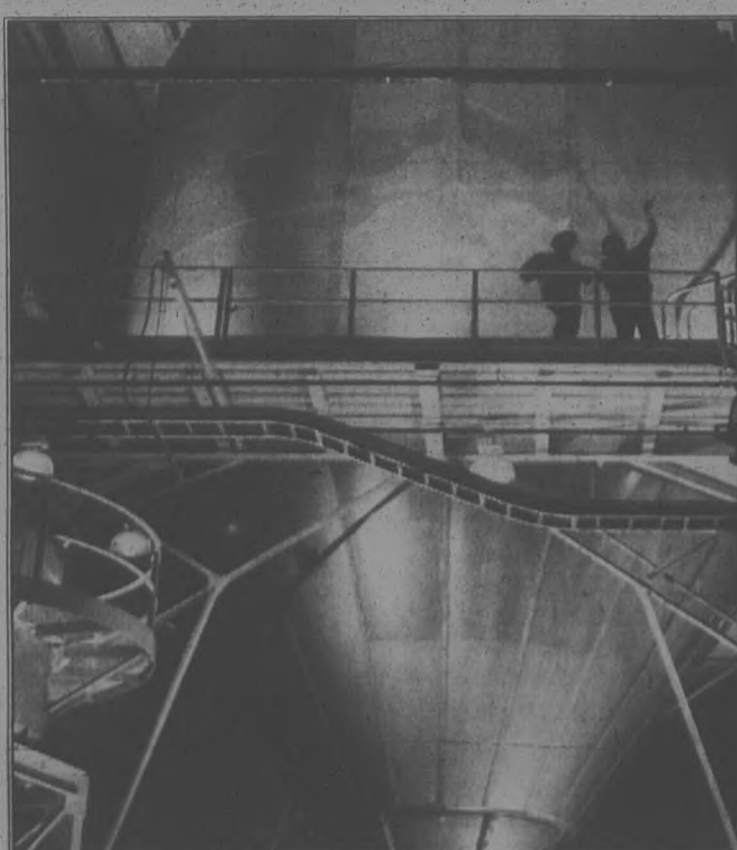
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Tiger Tales

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EHS holds Math-A-Thon

This year, six Elba High School students participated in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's annual Math-A-Thon. The Math-A-Thon is sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks, who provides passes to their parks for every student raising \$55 or more through the program.

The late entertainer, Danny Thomas, founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The hospital is an internationally-recognized biomedical research hospital dedicated to finding cures for the catastrophic diseases of childhood. The hospital's work is supported through funds raised by events such as the Math-A-Thon. All patients are treated regardless of their ability to pay. The hospital covers all

Co-op Spotlight

by Tabitha Schultz

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Amber Norris. Amber is an employee of the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation. There she is a secretary and her duties include answering phones, doing computer work and performing any thing extra that she is asked to do. Amber says what she has learned most from her job is "working with the public can sometimes be stressful. Some people fuss about the smallest things. I've learned not to get upset or dwell on it, but to look past it and get over it."

Amber is the daughter of Pam Lewis. She is a senior and is involved in Sr. Beta and Mu Alpha Theta. Amber is secretary of VICA and is the high school varsity mascot.

When Amber was asked who has inspired her the most, she answered, "My French, my

Western Civilization teacher, because she keeps things interesting and fun, yet gets to the point. She turned my mind to the direction of becoming a college professor."

After graduation, Amber plans on attending the University of South Alabama to major in psychology.



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Finalists chosen in AEC essay contest

by Cammie Kelley

Researching, taking notes, and constant writing were the activities of Ms. Tucker's eleventh grade English class during the month of February. The class participated in the Alabama Electric Cooperative Essay Contest.

Ten finalists were chosen from Elba High School. The finalists' essays were evaluated a second time and a top five was chosen. The top five had to attend an interview to determine their final place. Judges associated with the Covington Electric Cooperative conducted the interview.

The final contest was held on Thursday, March 1, in Andalusia. One of the judges commented, "Elba was doing something right. The students from Elba conducted themselves in a very professional manner." This was a rewarding compliment.

After the nerve-wrecking interviews the winners were announced. Casey Skinner received fifth place, Michelle Adkins was honored with a fourth place position. Stephanie Sasser was the third place winner. Katie Grimes received second place, and Wesley Kelley won the Alabama Electric Cooperative Essay Contest for Elba High School. He will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. during the week of June 11-15.

Wesley said, "I am very excited about the trip, and I'm sure that I will learn a lot from it."



Katie Grimes and Wesley Kelley

Katie Grimes and Wesley Kelley will attend the Montgomery Youth Tour Program April 3-5. They will tour the Capitol, visit the Hank Williams Museum, participate in a youth Energy Battle, and see

Julius Caesar at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. AEC is proud to sponsor Wesley Kelley as an excellent writer and a contribution to the community.

by Alan Head

On Monday, Feb. 26, a group of seniors from Elba High School, accompanied by counselors, Mike Camley and Lynn Weeks, toured the campus of the Alabama Aviation and Technical College in Ozark, Ala. During the tour, the students were directed by recruiter Kathy Davis. She pointed out the aspects of the various programs offered and starting salaries with different companies upon completion of course work. The students also visited several different departments and

learned about unique opportunities in each degree program. Programs that were discussed were technical aviation and occupational aviation.

When asked if the trip was influential in deciding what to do after graduation, senior Vinson Hammonds replied, "Yes, it was. It opened me up to new ideas and possibilities that I might not have known without going on this trip." To say the least, the field trip seemed to be a success and has better prepared the EHS students for life in the real world.

Elba FFA participates in Coffee County FFA Career Day

The Elba FFA attended the 2001 Coffee County FFA Career Day. This event is for the county chapters to compete against one another in several different events for a chance to compete at the district level. The participating schools were Elba, Enterprise, Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel. Only the schools that win an event at county level will be able to participate in that event at the district level. The competitive events were livestock judging, land judging, forestry judging, tractor driving, and public speaking. The Elba FFA participated in all of the events except

public speaking. Members of the Livestock Team were: Andy Waddall, Jennifer Waters, Jennifer Grissett, Ashton Grimes, Ryan Craighead, and J.J. Farmer. The Elba Livestock Team placed 2nd in the county.

Members of the Land Team were: Blake Lambert, Brandon Salter, Matthew Curran, Bart Barnes, Brian Rhodes, Jesse Holloway, and Garrett Bowers. The Land Team placed 3rd in the county.

Members of the Forestry Team were: Chase Davis, Jimbo Cook, Jeremy Sasser, Lowayne Parks,

EES sixth grade student writes letter against school violence

"Do you believe in God?" Some students were asked this question at Columbine. For those who said "Yes," that was the last thing they ever said.

School Violence — what do the words mean to you? Well, I'll tell you what they can mean. School violence can be any dispute between any students or it can sometimes be a dispute between students and teachers. But when it started spreading to other states, "Why?" is the question we all asked.

I believe it happened because the government took prayer out of school. Personally, I feel that today's society is not very in touch with God. Our church congregation has about 150 people, that's from the Big Sanctuary to Jr. Youth. At one point we had about 200 to 275 people coming. What

happened? You want to know? Well, I'm asking the same thing. Some people love violence so much that they will go anywhere and do anything to get it. We watch twenty four hour coverage of school violence, but still we do nothing to stop it. We sit around saying, "It won't happen to us, not at our school." Perhaps, that is what some of the students said at Columbine. But it did happen to them, and it could happen to us.

How do we stop all the violence in school? We can start by getting prayer back in school. We have "Meet You at the Pole" once a month or once a week? We need to help each other, not hurt each other. Some people would rather see someone suffer than lend a helping hand. Researcher, Sissela Bok, once said that kids like to see

guns, drugs, family violence, gang warfare, school shootings, kidnappings and everything else that contributes violence to our society. She also said that most teens get involved with violence to escape their problems. So why don't we prove Mrs. Bok wrong, and help, not hurt?

A grieving parent of Columbine High School wrote the following poem:

"Your words are empty air.
You've outlawed simple prayer.
You regulate restrictive laws
Through legislative creed
And yet you fail to understand
That God is what we need."
Our nation was founded on God. We, as a nation, need to return to our belief and trust in God.

Laura Grover
Elba Elementary - 6th Grade

MacArthur hosts several training classes

MacArthur State Technical College recently hosted a series of Eaton Fuller AutoShift transmission training classes. Classes were held in the diesel/heavy equipment department on Tuesday, February 27, 2001, Wednesday,

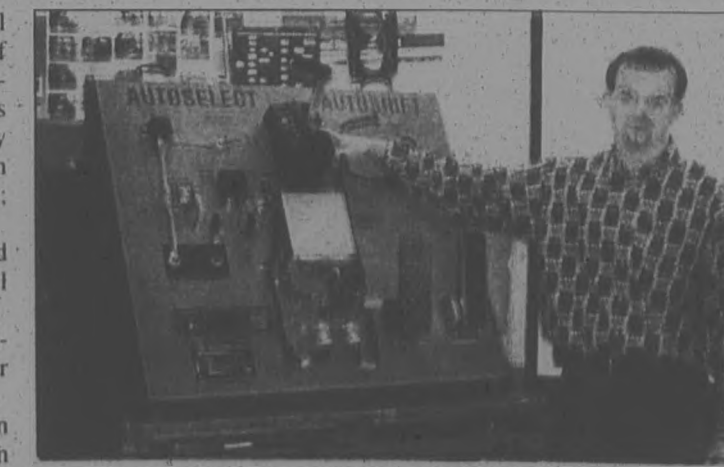
February 28, 2001, and Thursday, March 1, 2001. Diesel and heavy equipment technicians from the surrounding area attended the eight-hour training classes.

Marvin Strain, Eaton Corporation Southeast Region conducted the training classes. Participants received instruction on the Eaton Fuller AutoShift transmission. This transmission is designed for medium and heavy-duty trucks. AutoShift transmissions combine the economy and dependable performance of a manual with the easy-to-drive convenience of an automatic.

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General information as well as proper service procedures were discussed such as: preventive



Marvin Strain makes a point

maintenance; recommended lubricants; maintenance/lubricant change intervals; transmission inspections; transmission fluid change; and vehicle system effects. Operational warnings and repair warnings were also discussed.

Service and troubleshooting manuals were distributed to the participants.

Special instructions, required tools, installation/removal instructions, and final check precautions related to various service procedures were included in the service manuals each participant received. Strain discussed removal/installation procedures

related to: reverse ball switch; rail select sensor; gear select sensor; input/main/output shaft speed sensors; range valve; splitter valve; air filter/regulator; inertia brake solenoid; inertia brake power module; electric shifter; transmission ECU; transmission harness; shift lever; power relay; system manager; tow bar harness; gear display.

In the months to come, MacArthur State Technical College will offer other continuing education programs. For information, contact the Workforce development and Continuing Education Department at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

Elba beauties compete for crown



Carey Holloway
Miss Elba Contestant



Shay Johnson
Miss Elba Contestant



Nimisha Patel
Miss Elba Contestant



Lauren Sully
Miss Elba Contestant



Eliza Lynn Deaberry
Little Miss Elba Contestant



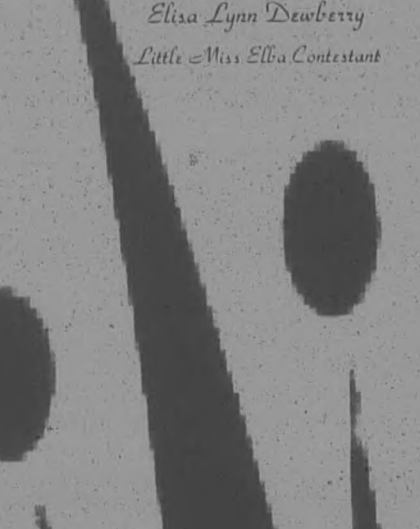
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Brandy Dankovich
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Brooke Weeks
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Carey McElroy
Junior Miss Elba Contestant



Anna Marie Anderson
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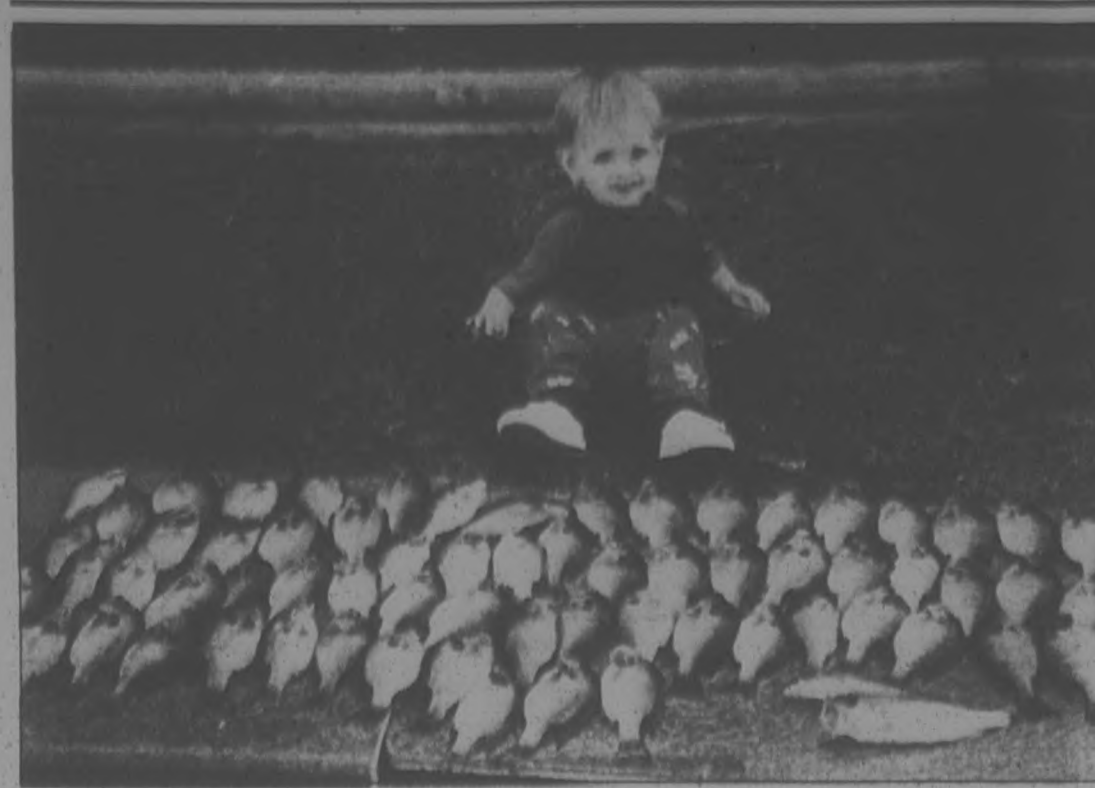
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COMMUNITY NEWS



WHAT A CATCH... Preston Millay is pictured above showing off a large mess of fish caught by Corey Millay, Meghan Millay and Johnny Berry while fishing at a private pond on Tuesday, March 13. The mess of fish consists of 65 bream and 2 bass.

Zion Chapel student selected for European trip

Roy King, an eighth grade student at Zion Chapel High School, is one of 30 students selected in Central Alabama by People to People International and Governor Don Siegelman to be a member of the official State of Alabama delegation traveling to England, Ireland and Wales this summer.

King is an honor student at Zion Chapel and is president of the Jr. Beta Club and the 4-H Club. He said he is very excited about the trip because it is something he may never get to do again. This is a chance for him to see historical sites and places that he has studied about



Roy King

how he does them as he shares his ways with the people as well. King will be keeping a log on his trip. When he returns he will be able to relate his adventures to his school and other community activities.

People to People was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. He believed the world would be a better place and people would get along better if they could meet each other one-on-one.

Foster parent meeting set for March 26

The Coffee County Department of Human Resources Foster Parent Association will have their monthly meeting on Monday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the DHR conference room. All foster parents or prospective foster parents are invited to attend.

For further information, contact Anita Grimes at 348-2044.

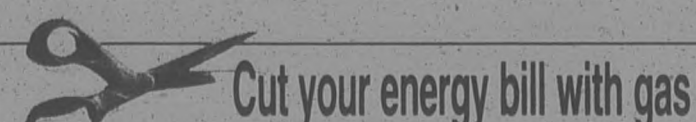
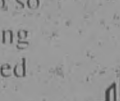
Elba Parks and Recreation Dept. plans April 7 Easter egg hunt

The Elba Parks and Recreation Department will hold its 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7. There will be two separate hunts: Youth age 12 and Under will hunt for eggs at 9 a.m. and the young-at-heart age 60 and Over will hunt for eggs at 2 p.m. This event will take place at Hawkins Williams Park, located on Champ McCollough Drive. The hunt will be \$1 per person. The Elba Parks and Recreation State Farm, Crazy Bills and The National Security Group, Inc. All proceeds raised will be used for the summer programs of the Elba Parks and Recreation Department.

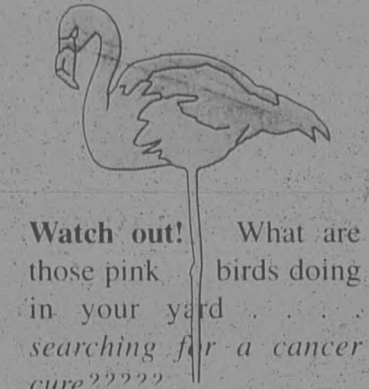


Spring Book Sale planned for April 5 at Enterprise Public Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Spring Book Sale at the Enterprise Public Library on Thursday, April 5, from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Any one wishing to donate books, in good condition, may do so by dropping them off at the library during regular business hours. Proceeds are used



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INSURANCE QUESTION ARISES AGAIN

ESJC asks county for \$500,000

by Marvin McLain, Editor

Dr. Stafford Thompson, president of Enterprise State Junior College, appeared before the Coffee County Commission Monday morning, March 26, presenting them with a proposal requesting support - \$500,000 - for a new facility soon to be constructed on ESJC's campus in Enterprise.

Construction on the 58,000 square foot building is set to begin in the very near future and will house industrial training facilities (open bay labs), the cultural arts, and also serve as an instructional facility (fine arts).

Dr. Thompson pointed out that this facility will be an asset to Coffee County and the surrounding area in recruiting industry because it will provide a location and facilities to train a work force.

"With this facility, we would have the opportunity to train the work force that any industry would be interested in coming into our area," he said. Dr. Stafford told commissioners this project is a "total effort" of education, government (city, county, state and federal), private industry, and the general public. The estimated total cost of the project is just over \$6 million.

He mentioned that the Department of Commerce has already been asked to provide \$1 million toward this project, and "hopefully these funds will be forth coming this year."

Local state legislative delegations from the area are being asked to secure \$2 million in

funds for the project, and the federal delegation is being asked to secure as much or more.

Stafford pointed out that civic organizations, community and county governments will be allowed to spread their (pledges) contributions over a five year time span should they desire to do so.

The commission, after hearing Dr. Thompson's proposal, did not take any action on the matter.

Ronnie Donaldson, representing Ronnie Donaldson Insurance Agency of Enterprise, addressed the commissioners concerning the action they took in their last meeting in providing the same death benefit (\$25,000) for employees 70-years-old and older as is provided for younger employees.

Donaldson told commissioners he felt the plan he proposed to provide offered better coverage for county employees than did the one accepted by the commission. Using a chart he pointed out that this plan cost \$9 per month per employee where as the National Security's plan (the one accepted by the commission) cost \$10.75 per month per employee. Donaldson's proposed plan cost the county annually - \$17,604, while the National Security plan cost \$21,027 annually. The yearly savings to the county would be \$3,423.

"My question to the county is, do we have \$3,423 to spend on something when you can get it cheaper?" asked Donaldson. After Mr. Donaldson's presentation, Commissioner Tom

Grimley made a motion that the insurance matter be reconsidered due to the \$9 verses \$10.75 cost per employee, and that the county accept his (Donaldson's) plan.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple seconded the motion. Commissioner Kayo Lewis made a motion seconded by Commissioner Bernest Brooks that the matter be tabled until it can be discussed more at length. During the discussion of the motion to table, Commissioner Dalrymple pointed out that this was what he attempted to do in the last meeting when the proposals were voted on. There seemed to be some disagreement as to when commissioners received the proposals for their review.

The commission chairman, Linda Westbrook, said that she placed the proposals in each of the commissioner's "mail boxes," which are located in the commission office, on March 8. Commissioner Dalrymple said there was not one in his box, and he did not have sufficient time to review the proposals before voting on them. The matter was voted on in the March 12 meeting.

The motion to table passed by a 4-3 vote. Voting for the motion were Commissioners Brooks, Lewis, Westbrook, and Robert Stephens; opposing the motion were Commissioners Dalrymple, Grimley, and Jim Thompson.

After the fact, it was pointed out by both the County

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A NIGHT OF STARS... The contestants of the 2001 Miss Elba pageants took center stage last Saturday night, March 24, as they began the evening by entertaining the crowd gathered in the Elba High School auditorium with a dance performance. By the night's end, queens were crowned in the divisions of Future Little Miss Elba, Little Miss Elba, Junior Miss Elba and Miss Elba. Pictured above are contestants from the Junior Miss division and Miss division, along side Junior Miss Elba 2000 and Miss Elba 2000. They are from left (kneeling) Elizabeth Rae Walker, Casey Medlock, Junior Miss Elba 2000 Lauren Moore, Miss Elba 2000 Valerie Moore, Mary Katherine Head and Danielle Gideon; (standing) Lauren Suley, Lindsay Kathryn Lawford, Shay Johnson, Carey Holloway, Anna Marie Anderson and Nim Patel.

Elba PD arrests murder suspect

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Elba Police Department has arrested a local man on a fugitive from justice warrant.

Whitworth said Barnes was taken into custody without incident on the same day the fugitive from justice warrant was issued. The suspect was placed in the Coffee County Jail to await the arrival of Virginia authorities. He has waived extradition.

In an unrelated incident, police were called to a shooting at approximately 9:50 p.m. on Thursday, March 22.

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, it was reported that Jerry C. Foster, 32, of Lot 33 Powell Circle, Elba, had allegedly fired several shots into

an occupied vehicle. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that an altercation had occurred, and that the incident resulted in shots being fired at the victims.

The vehicle involved in the incident was reportedly occupied by Adrian Sewell, 24, of 516 Williams Street, Elba, and a 16-year-old male juvenile. Several rounds struck the vehicle. Inv. Senn stated that the two occupants of the vehicle were not injured and did not require medical treatment.

Foster was arrested without incident and charged with discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, which is a Class B felony. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail pending release on bond.

Board votes to increase all Elba electric rates effective April 1st

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

In a special called meeting Tuesday afternoon the Elba Water and Electric Board voted unanimously to implement the electric rate increases which had been proposed and tabled at the last meeting. The new rates are effective with electric power used on or after April 1st.

At the last meeting, board members questioned the impact of the increase on lower income citizens and asked for a breakdown on these numbers. The new rates are as follows:

Residential Service will be 3.068 per kWh plus a base charge of \$8.00, up from \$5.065 per kWh and \$4.00 base charge. There are approximately 1,387 customers in this category and their average electric consumption is 1,427 kWh. Under the new rate the average residential bill will increase \$8.28 per month.

Information presented to board members Tuesday indicate that the 447 lowest volume residential utility users, who use an average of 248 units of power

each month, will see a rate increase of \$4.75 per month. **Small Commercial Service** will be \$0.073 per kWh with an \$8.00 basic flat rate, up from \$0.07 per kWh and a \$4.00 basic flat rate. There are 304 customers in this category and the average electric consumption is 2,347 kWh. Under the new rate the average small commercial bill will increase \$11.04.

Large Commercial Service is more complicated and includes a Demand Charge, which means they pay at least this demand every month for a year after it is set, regardless of the amount of current used. These Demand Charge numbers will not change under the new rates. Proposed rates start at \$0.52 per kWh for the first 3,000 kWh; plus \$0.049 per kWh for the next 2,000 kWh; plus \$0.043 for all over 15,000 kWh. These large commercial rates reflect \$0.03 per kWh increase in each category. There are 37 customers in this category and they average using 16,500 kWh. The average

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Coffee Baking Company dedicates new facility

by Marvin McLain, Editor

A dedication ceremony was held Friday, March 23, for Coffee Baking Company's new facility located on Co. Rd. 476 in the Holley's Store Community.

The 14,000 square-foot building houses the company's new manufacturing/distribution center and is located near the 930 square-foot farmhouse in which it all began in 1996. Up from 800 cakes per week, Coffee Baking Company now bakes and distributes approximately 75,000 cakes per week.

"We appreciate the dedication of our employees, neighbors, community leaders and customers for our success that resulted in this expansion," said Barbara and Don Holley, owners.

"This growth is the result of partnerships and working relationships that enabled Coffee Baking Company to expand and create economic opportunities not only for themselves but for the local communities as well." "Coffee Baking Company is dedicated to producing a superior product, providing excellent customer service and preserving the high-quality standards which have enabled us to attain the success we enjoy today," said Don Holley.

Some of the organizations involved include: Alabama Development Office, Alabama Industrial Development Training, Alabama Electric Cooperative, Covington Electric Cooperative, Coffee County Commission, Enterprise Coffee Geneva Economic Development Corporation, Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Office, USDA - Rural Development and The Peoples Bank of Coffee County.

With over 35 different flavored pound cakes in the Coffee Baking Company product line,



Pictured above (l-r) are: Enterprise Mayor Tim Alford, Sen. Jimmy Holley, Barbara and Don Holley, Speaker of the House Seth Hammett, and Rep. Terry Spicer.

popularity created a demand for increased production. Thus a need for more space and modernization of equipment was the catalyst for the expansion. Currently employing over 30 individuals, Coffee Baking Company looks to increase the number of employees to approximately 60 by the end of 2001.

Capital investment in the new project is significant for both the structure and new equipment. Financing was made possible through a zero interest loan from USDA Rural Development applied for by Covington Electric Cooperative who in turn granted the loan to Coffee Baking Company. The Peoples Bank of Coffee County in Elba and owner's equity provided the balance of funds.

On hand for this special occasion were: Speaker of the House Seth Hammett, State Representative Terry Spicer, and State Senator Jimmy Holley who commented, "I am very pleased jobs are being created

and they appear to be of a very permanent nature. They are meaningful in that they will support the local economy and families of this area."

Area Happenings

NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber located in city hall.

COUNTY ROE MEETING. The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday, April 5, in the board room of the Central Office located in Elba. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

VIETNAM VETS MEET. The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 5, at the Clayhatchee Community House. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. sharp. For more information call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

EHS BAND DAY. Elba High School Band Day will be Saturday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on the courthouse square. Activities will include entertainment by the elementary and high school bands throughout the day, a large yard sale, Jail for Jail, and an auction. Barbecue plate tickets will be sold by band members or may be purchased at Whitman Drugs.

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